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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought of the invention entitled:

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR WELDING RAILS WITH HEAT TREATED HEAD USING SEPARATE ALLOY ADDITIVES

the specification of which,

____ is attached hereto;

_xx_ was filed on _10/11/03_ as International Application Ser. No. _PCT/EP2003/011282_ ; and amended on _4/13/2005_ under US Application Serial Nr _10/531,503._

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known by me to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):   Priority
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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